

**Subject:** Public Hearing re Westchester Landscape Entry Project @ Public Works Commission - Monday December 2 @ 9:30 AM

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The Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association request to remove five (5) ficus trees and four (4) bottle bush trees on the west side of Sepulveda Boulevard north of 77th Street to Howard Hughes Parkway is on the agenda of the Public Works Commission on Monday morning.

This request is a final part of the Westchester Landscape Entry Project that has been on-going. Councilman Bonin provided notice to the Commission of his support at the last public hearing, which dealt with a portion of the east side of Sepulveda (essentially across the street).

The project is supported by the Westchester Town Center BID, the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, the Kentwood Home Guardians, Westchester Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, Westchester Rotary, and others. The contiguous neighbors have also been loud and, we believe, unanimous in their support of this project. Over 300 or so Westchester area residents have signed cards supporting it. Alas, there has also been about 3 letters of opposition.

This email is coming late as we only learned of this public hearing schedule late and just before the Thanksgiving Holiday. We would like to know that we again enjoy Councilman Bonin's support and that it has been communicated to the Commission. Perhaps a staff member or the Councilman could make an appearance on behalf of the request.

Please contact me on my cell at 818-515-2159 as soon as possible; we will be at the hearing in City Hall.

Thank you.